

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are active in this application. Claims 7-15 stand withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected subject matter.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Applicants are filing herewith a Rule 132 Declaration stating that to the extend that the claimed subject matter of the present invention (US Serial No.: 10/786,286) is disclosed in US patent 7,005,405, Mr. Seiichi Suenaga, Mr. Takayuki Fukasawa, and Mr. Yasuhiro Goto are the inventors of that subject matter. Further, it is stated that to the extend that the claimed subject matter of the present invention is disclosed in JP 2003164761 A, published on June 10, 2003, and corresponding to US patent 7,005,405, Mr. Seiichi Suenaga, Mr. Takayuki Fukasawa, and Mr. Yasuhiro Goto are the inventors of that subject matter.

Mr. Miho Maruyama who is listed as an inventor of US 7,005,405 did not contribute to the claimed invention in the present application.

Further, Mr. Suetsuna and Mr. Harada who are named as inventors in the present application have contributed to the non-elected claims.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by US 7,005,405 should be withdrawn.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed

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representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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